drains have been made functional.

(vii) All street lights have been made fully functional and any complaint in this regard is attended to promptly. D. E. S. U. has also been approached for sanctioning additional load.

(viii) The 13 water huts/pios have been made fully functional. In case of additional requirements, the APMC makes arrangements for provision of water-trollies, particularly, during the summer season.

[*Translation*]

Installation of Security Equipments in Vigyan Bhavan

5700. SHRI KAMAL MISHRA NADHUKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigyan Bhavan in the Capital has been lying unused for want of installation of security equipments; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b). Vigyan Bhavan is presently under renovation and the restoration/renovation work is planned for completion by April, 1993. In view of this, the question of its lying unused for want of installation of security equipments does not arise.

[*English*]

Paris Convention on Intellectual Propety

5701. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Director General of World Intellectual Property Organisation has urged the Government to Sign Paris Convention;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The World Intellectual Property Organisation has been requesting the Government of India to accede to the Paris Convention for protection of intellectual property. No decision has been taken as yet in the matter.

Withdrawals from General Provident Fund

5702. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban withdrawal/advance by the Central Government Employees from their General Provident Funds accounts in view of the economic crisis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Absorption of Employees of Abolished Departments

5703. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Department in which the employees of those Departments which have been abolished as a result of economic policies of the Government have been absorbed so far;

(b) the total number of employees yet to be absorbed; and

(c). the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of such employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). So far only employees of the office of the Development Commissioner for Cement Industries have been surrendered, consequent on abolition of that office, for redeployment by the Surplus Cell. A majority of the employees thus surrenderee have already been nominated for absorption in suitable vacancies in various ofices such as the India Meteorological Department, Department of Electronics, Office of Central Excise, CGHS, Income tax Offices etc. The absorption of the employees thus nominated and the nomination/ absorption of remaining employees are being processed under the Scheme for Redeployment of Surplus Staff. The surplus employees will continue to draw their salaries, and allowances till such time as they are absorbed in the new offices.

[*Translation*]

Loans to State Government

5704. DR. LAL BAHARDUR RAWA:Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have submitted proposals for the decentiratlization of financial resources and granting of loans to the State Governments on the basis of their population and backwardness;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also proposed to raise loan from the market; and

(c) if so, the their reaction of the Union Government to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. Several State Government have brought up proposal for the decentrailization of financial resources and granting of loans to States, on the basis of certain weights to their population and backwardness, in their presentations made in the meeting of National Development Council in December, 1991.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. All State Governments including the State of U. P. raise loans from the market to fund their plans. Planning Commission makes the State-wise allocation on the basis of certain growth of past borrowings, on a uniform basis and part on